



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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August 21, 2006

Dry Conditions Difficult on Crops

Dry weather continues to decrease yield potential. Double crop beans are of most concern with development being very slow. Corn is drying down very quickly in the dry weather. Vegetable crop yields are down because the dry weather is affecting pollination. Corn is now 85 percent dough and 50 percent dent. Seventy five percent of soybeans have set pods; ahead of the 53 percent five-year average. Soybean condition was rated 7 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 41 percent good and 8 percent excellent. There were **7.0 days suitable for field work**.

Vegetables have been aided by warm temperatures as they continue to mature. Processed lima beans are 75 percent harvested; well ahead of the 46 percent five-year average. **Apples** are still in mostly good condition. Apples were rated 4 percent fair, 95 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Pasture conditions were rated 10 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 46 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 1 percent excellent while **hay** supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 13 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2006

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Field Crops		<i>Percent</i>			
Corn:	Dough	85	77	65	70
	Dent	50	30	20	34
	Mature	8	4	5	11
Harvested for Silage		50	19	2	9
Soybeans:	Blooming	84	75	79	75
	Setting Pods	75	54	53	53
Hay					
Alfalfa Hay	3 rd Cutting	82	73	87	75
	4 th Cutting	17	11	23	15
Other Hay	3 rd Cutting	36	22	38	42
Vegetables Harvested					
Cantaloups		77	68	71	69
Cucumbers		74	68	86	67
Lima Beans		75	73	69	46
Potatoes		76	71	65	71
Snap Beans		81	76	91	79
Sweet Corn		81	75	81	78
Tomatoes		69	57	61	60
Watermelons		67	54	64	57
Fruits Harvested					
Apples		38	28	38	21
Peaches		87	80	74	74

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	31	16	14	21	14	17
Short	39	38	20	33	30	15
Adequate	30	45	54	46	55	59
Surplus	-	1	13	-	1	9

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2006

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	21.34	-4.92	90	62	78	3
Frederick	0.12	24.00	-1.30	91	57	75	4
Frostburg	0.07	21.88	-9.70	85	52	70	4
Hagerstown	0.00	20.91	-4.03	89	61	77	4
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.61	-5.64	85	56	73	-2
Patuxent River	0.08	18.56	-8.46	88	65	78	4
Ocean City	0.02	17.49	-12.03	88	58	77	2
Salisbury	0.03	23.82	-5.76	87	55	74	-2
Sharpsburg	0.15	23.83	-1.47	91	48	73	2
Stevensville	0.00	25.71	-1.34	88	66	77	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.61	4.87	90	68	80	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	24.15	-3.88	88	63	76	0
Georgetown	0.01	25.20	-3.40	88	61	77	3
Wilmington	0.00	28.37	1.77	91	62	77	3

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
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